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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd  
Chief Clerk/Executive Director  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, SC 29210

**Re: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding to Address S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-460(A)(1) and S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-460(A)(2) (Promulgation and Periodic Review of Standards for Interconnection and Parallel Operation of Generating Facilities to an Electrical Utility's Distribution and Transmission System)  
Docket No. 2019-326-E**

**Notice of FERC Approval of Queue Reform and Plans for Implementation of Transition to Cluster Study Process**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to Ordering Clause one (1) of Order No. 2021-439 issued June 18, 2021, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (together, "Duke Energy" or "the Companies") hereby provide the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") issued its complementary regulatory approval of Duke Energy's queue reform initiative on August 6, 2021 in FERC Docket Nos. ER21-1579-000 and ER21-1579-001. *See Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, et al.*, 176 FERC ¶ 61,075 (2021) (order accepting tariff revisions).

As the Commission recognized in Order No. 2021-439, the North Carolina Utilities Commission ("NCUC") also previously issued its complementary *Order Approving Queue Reform* on October 15, 2020, in NCUC Docket No. E-100, Sub 101.

Ordering Clause 1.b of Order No. 2021-439 provided Commission authorization for the Companies to transition their South Carolina generator interconnection study process to a Definitive Interconnection Study Process, by providing written notice to the Commission upon

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obtaining necessary complementary approvals from FERC. By this letter, the Companies are providing that notice.

For consistency with the Companies' planned transition under the FERC- and NCUC-approved queue reform revisions to the generator interconnection procedures, the Companies plan to treat August 20, 2021 as the "effective date" of Appendix Duke CS.

For the Commission's awareness, the Companies are holding an initial meeting with stakeholders on Friday, August 13, 2021, to discuss the planned queue reform transition. The Companies plan to provide written notice to all current South Carolina Section 4 interconnection customers that will be subject to the queue reform transition on or about September 1, 2021, as provided for in Section 3 of Appendix Duke CS. Interconnection Customers will then have 60 calendar days from this written notice to elect whether to proceed under the Section 3.1 Transitional Serial Process or Section 3.2 Transitional Cluster Study Process or to withdraw from the queue.

Sincerely,



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C: Parties of Record (via email)